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From the Office of Fifth District Chairman Jerry Eaves

Technology Park Planning In High Gear – TEC PARC

A group of business, government, and education leaders are on the verge of launching a great idea, that of bringing a technology park to the San Bernardino Valley at the site of the former Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino. There are more than 2,000 technology-related companies in San Bernardino County. Many are small companies with good products but limited resources. Others have greater resources with greater infrastructure support needs. Add to that the increasing use of technology in government and schools, it appears that a technology park could be a magnet to attract existing and new ventures to the region.

We can attract major industries to San Bernardino County, if in fact there is a high technology related influence. At the present time the discussion is to locate a technology park at the former Norton Air Force Base. Funding is always an issue, but by pooling energies and resources we can attract those willing to invest in a technology infrastructure for the regions.

Business and government leaders began the quest for federal funding during an April trip to Washington, D.C. Congressman Lewis recently announced his efforts to secure more than \$9 million of federal funds for demolition of 1940s era buildings to make way for the multi-phase Technology Park. A twenty-first century Technology Park is comprised of a series of buildings grouped to form communities, streets and residences. Heavily planted parking areas are configured irregularly around the fringe to minimize visual and site impact. Open landscape amenities include extensive community sports and fitness improvements.

It all starts with a big idea that captures the imagination and interest of others willing to share in it. We are ready.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 15 – Symposium on Code Enforcement Dynamics 9:00am
Sponsored by Supervisor Eaves – 387-4565

July 15 – San Bernardino County Courthouse Update 11:30am
San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce – 885-7515

July 25 - Phenix Information Center Presents Pulitzer Prize
Winning Author Toni Morrison – 383-2329

COUNTY BUDGET UPDATE

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved the County's 1998-1999 fiscal year budget at the June 30 Board Meeting. Of particular note, the expanding economy and improved fiscal picture allowed for funding to the Commission on the Status of Women and the San Bernardino County Museum.

Chairman Eaves commented, "It is with great pleasure that funding was provided to these institutions of significance to our County. The Commission on the Status of Women has recently developed a comprehensive list of goals and a committee structure to address them. The funding provided today will allow progress to be made towards achieving these goals. The additional \$200,000 in County appropriations to the Museum will enable the facility to take a quantum step toward reaccreditation by the American Association of Museums in 2001."

The Museum plans to restore critical curatorial positions lost due to budget cuts in 1995. These positions include Museum Registrar, Curator of Anthropology, Curator of History and Exhibits Preparator. The Museum will also implement a state-of-the-art computer based collections record-keeping system with the goal of making the collections accessible to professional researchers around the globe via the Internet.

The Museum will also utilize the supplementary funds to begin installation of a new "compact" storage system for its collections. The system permits museums to store materials in a minimum of space while ensuring the materials are completely environmentally protected.

The Commission on the Status of Women has established eight committees based on the dozen goals identified by the commission.

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